

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA**

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LABOURERS AT PORTS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of organised/unorganized labourers engaged by the contractors such as hammals/palledars/thekas at all the ports/harbours in the country;
- (b) the number of registered labourers out of the above;
- (c) whether the Government has implemented any welfare schemes for such labourers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL, MINES, LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

- (a) & (b): The number of contract labourers in the Ports/Harbours are 5670 out of which 2027 are registered labourers.
- (c) & (d): There are various social welfare legislations which provide for economic, social, health and security to the workers/labourers. Some of the prominent social welfare are as under:
 - # The Employees State Insurance Act, 1948
 - # The Employees Provident Funds & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952
 - # The Employees Compensation Act, 1923
 - # The Minimum wages Act, 1948
 - # The Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972
 - # The Equal Remuneration Act, 1976
 - # The Payment of Bonus Act, 1965.
 - # The Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970.